Statement II—Contd.

State/UT	Hpt	Rpt	Vlpt	Transposer
A & N ISLANDS :			GREAT NICOBAR HAVELOCK KATCHAL BARATANG	
DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI :		SILVASSA		
DELHI :	DELHI (DD III)			

* REPLACEMENT OF 1 KW TRANSMITTER BY 10 KW TRANSMITTER.

LEGEND : HPT—HIGH POWER TRANSMITTER
LPT—LOW POWER TRANSMITTER
VLPT—VERY LOW POWER TRANSMITTER

Less Cost of Power Produced by Plants Turned out by BHEL

2120. SHRI ASHOK MITRA : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is an established fact that power plants turned out by BHEL can produce power at a per unit cost which is less than in the case of foreign manufactured power plants ; and

(b) whether Government would be willing to consider giving the same guarantees and counter-guarantee to BHEL as it has expressed its intention to give multinational corporations for payments on behalf of State Electricity Boards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYA NAIDU) : (a) The cost of generation of power from a power plant depends on the total cost of the power project. Cost of equipment is only one component of the total project cost. As such it would be difficult to judge whether cost of generation from a project using BHEL equipment is more or less than a project using foreign manufactured equipment.

(b) To instill confidence about private power policy amongst the perspective investors it was decided to extend Government of India counter guarantee for State gurantee for SEBs/payment obligations for power purchased to the private generating compaines in case of 8 initial projects This was only a transitional measure.

Disparity in Cost Estimates of Power Projects

2121. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is always disparity between the cost estimates of the Ministry and Central Electricity Authority for the same projects;

(b) if so, the reasons for such disparity;

(c) percentge of disparity between the two estimates; and

(d) whether Government propose to bring about reconciliation between the two?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Management of ACC Babcock Ltd.

2122. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI : SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI :

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to pass on the management of ACC Babcock Limited to other hands if so, whether any decision has been taken in this regard and if not, by when this is likely to be done;

(b) what has been the financial working of the ABL during the last four years and number of workers employed by the Company; and

(c) whether the workers have also been consulted on the proposals for the revival and sustenance of the Company, and if so, in what manner?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) ACC-Babcock Limited (ABL) a private sector company, had filed winding up petition before the Bombay High Court in October,